

Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

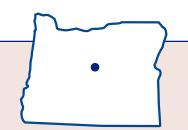
Prineville, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Prineville was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The city (population 8,150) is a state-designated Enterprise Zone and an Economically Distressed Area. The city is in the process of acquiring the gas station site in the heart of downtown for the construction of a new City Hall. This is part of a larger revitalization plan for a City-County Government Services Complex that is expected to improve the efficiency of government services to all county residents. Prineville, which is the population, economic, and social center of Crook County, has a median family income that is significantly below the statewide median. Per capita retail sales are half the state average and 15 percent of the city's commercial buildings are vacant. Redevelopment of the gas station site will



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Prineville for a cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct cleanup activities at a Prineville Texaco gasoline station site at 341 E. Third Street. Contamination is the result of releases from leaking underground gasoline tanks removed in 1997.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

Grant Recipient: City of Prineville, OR 541-447-8326

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Prineville has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

serve as a cornerstone for downtown revitalization and is expected to encourage other investments and opportunities in the community.